

U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 135 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

Loren C. Ponds

1. Name of Traveler: \_\_\_\_\_
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: \_\_\_\_\_ or None ☒  
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: 8/1/2018 Return: 8/5/2018  
b. Dates at personal expense (if any): 8/4/2018 or None ☐
4. Departure city: Washington Destination: New York City Return city: Washington
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Bertelsmann Foundation
6. Describe meetings and events attended: Participated in meetings with the World Economic Forum, IEX, the German Startup Incubator, a private sector blockchain startup, et al
7. Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
  - a. ☒ a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
  - b. ☒ the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor prior to the trip, including all attachments and Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
  - c. ☒ page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; and
  - d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box): ☒  
b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER: [Signature] DATE: 8/17/2018

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: [Signature] DATE: 8/17/2018

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. ***A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 10 days of their return.*** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Bertelsmann Foundation
2. Travel Destination(s): New York, NY
3. Date of Departure: August 1, 2018 Date of Return: August 5, 2018
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Katherine Monge, Loren Ponds  
(NOTE: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.)
5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$425	\$675	\$250	N/A
Accompanying Relative	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. (Signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Michael McKeon

Name: Michael McKeon Title: Manager, Economic and Legislative Affairs

Organization: Bertelsmann Foundation

I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box): ☒

Address: 1275 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW - Suite 601  
Washington, DC 20004

Telephone number: 202-621-1724

Email Address: Michael.McKeon@bfna.org

*Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.*

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at (202) 225-7103.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Loren C. Ponds
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Bertelsmann Foundation
3. Travel destination(s): New York, NY
4. a. Date of departure 8/1/2018 Date of return: 8/4/2018
- b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- If yes, dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b. If yes:
- (1) Name of accompanying relative: \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Relationship to traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: ☐ Yes ☐ No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:
- \_\_\_\_\_
7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: ☒ Yes ☐ No
- NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.
- ~~This year's theme is the digital economy, and many of the relevant~~  
~~players are in NYC. I serve as W&M Tax Counsel, and the topic is a~~  
~~current issue in international tax policy affecting US taxpayers.~~
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? ☐ Yes ☒ No
10. **FOR STAFF TRAVELERS:**  
**TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:**

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Date: 6/27/18

Kevin Brady  
Signature of Employing Member

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**PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM**

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee Web site ([ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): Bertelsmann Foundation
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒
3. Check only one: I represent that:
  - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip ☒ or
  - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds ☐ or.
  - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities. ☐If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):  
Loren Ponds, House Committee on Ways and Means, Majority Staff; Katherine Monge, Office of the Minority Leader
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
6. Date of departure: August 1, 2018 Date of return: August 4, 2018
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  - a. City of departure: Washington, DC
  - b. Destination(s): New York, NY
  - c. City of return: Washington, DC
8. I represent that (check one of the following):
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: ☒ or
  - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
9. Check one of the following:
  - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above: ☒
  - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging: ☐
  - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: ☐ or
  - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: ☐If "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees) (indicate agenda is attached by checking box): ☒

11. Check one:

a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒ or

b. N/A – trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

The Bertelsmann Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan think tank that seeks to raise awareness and understanding of a range of policy issues, particularly those relevant to transatlantic relations. We are interested in the digital economy – the topic of the CEPI program – because of the impacts it will have on the future economy, labor markets, and society as a whole. In the course of the program, we will explore issues such as artificial intelligence and the future of work, data protection and privacy, cybersecurity, and modernization of tax regimes and trade agreements, among other issues. We include staff of the Congress in this program so that they can better address these issues in their legislative work, as (or before) the United States contends with them. The Bertelsmann Foundation is the sole organizer of this trip.

13. Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary.

a. Mode of travel: Air ☐ Rail ☒ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☒ (Specify: public transportation)

b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

c. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

15. I represent that either (check one of the following):

a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ or

b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation: ☒

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_  
\$50-\$75

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
The theme of the CEPI program is the digital economy. We are traveling to New York City because many elements of the digital economy (e.g. FinTech, AI, academic programs in innovation, cryptocurrency) are prevalent there. Exchange with these stakeholders will contribute to participants' understanding of these issues.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel name: Novotel New York City: New York City Cost per night: \$259

Reason(s) for selecting: Cost relative to other hotels during these dates, as well as location

Hotel name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost per night: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

Hotel name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost per night: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for selecting: \_\_\_\_\_



17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. (signify that the statement is true by checking box): ☒

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$250	\$775	\$300
For each accompanying relative	N/A	N/A	N/A

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$0	No additional expenses foreseen
For each accompanying relative	N/A	

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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. ☒ or  
b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education. ☐

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip. ☒

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Michael McKeon

Name: Michael McKeon

Title: Manager, Economic and Legislative Affairs

Organization: Bertelsmann Foundation

Address: 1275 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW - Suite 601

Telephone number: 202-621-1724

Email address: Michael.McKeon@bfna.org

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Ethics  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1015 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-7103 (phone)  
(202) 225-7392 (general fax)

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July 25, 2018

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Ms. Loren C. Ponds  
Committee on Ways and Means  
1136 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Ponds:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to New York, New York, scheduled for August 1 to 4, 2018, sponsored by Bertelsmann Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Susan W. Brooks  
Chairwoman

Theodore E. Deutch  
Ranking Member

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## Itinerary for Washington, DC and New York, NY

**July 30 – August 4, 2018**

### Monday, July 30

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- 9:00 am**                      **Information Technology and Innovation Foundation**  
Speakers: Robert Atkinson, President; Stephen Ezell, Vice President  
1101 K Street NW, Suite 610  
Washington, DC 20005
- 10:30 am**                      **Office of the United States Trade Representative**  
Speaker: David Weiner, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Europe  
Office of the United States Trade Representative
- 12:30 pm**                      **Lunch Discussion – Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Work**  
Speaker: Dipayan Ghosh, Public Interest Technology Fellow, New America Foundation; Darrell West, Vice President and Director, Governance Studies, Brookings Institution; Vikash Khatri, Vice President for AI, Afinity  
Restaurant Nora  
2132 Florida Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008
- 2:30 pm**                      **Federal Communications Commission**  
Speaker: TBC  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554
- 4:00 pm**                      **U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration**  
Speaker: TBC  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20230
- 6:00 pm**                      **Welcome Reception – Bertelsmann Foundation Rooftop**  
1275 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004
- 8:00 pm**                      **CEPI Fellows Welcome Dinner/Screening of Bertelsmann Foundation Documentary, *Cuba's Digital Revolution***  
MXDC, 600 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20005  
Bertelsmann Foundation, 1275 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004



**Tuesday, July 31**

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- 9:00 am**                      **US Department of Transportation, Research and Innovative Technology Administration**  
Speaker: TBC  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590
- 11:00 am**                      **National Security Council, Cybersecurity Dialogue**  
Speaker: Nick Polk, Special Assistant for Cybersecurity Policy  
Eisenhower Executive Office Building  
1650 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20502
- 1:00 pm**                      **Lunch Discussion – Global Internet Governance**  
Speaker: Ambassador Daniel Sepulveda, non-resident fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the United States  
Location TBC
- 3:00 pm**                      **U.S. Department of Energy, Advanced Research Projects Agency**  
Speaker: TBC  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585
- 6:00 pm**                      **Dinner Discussion – Congressional High Tech Caucus**  
Speaker: Rep. Suzan DelBene (Invited, TBC)  
Bistro Cacao  
320 Massachusetts Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20002

**Wednesday, August 1**

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- 9:00 am**                      **Google**  
Speakers: David Lieber, Senior Policy Counsel; Michele Lynch, International Relations Manager; Ria Bailey-Galvis, International Relations Analyst  
25 Massachusetts Avenue, NW – 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20001
- 11:00 am**                      **Facebook**  
Speakers: Will Nuland, Analyst, Facebook Threat Intelligence  
1299 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004
- 1:00 pm**                      **Lunch Discussion - Uber**  
Speaker: Malcolm Glenn, Manager, Strategic Partnerships and Public Policy  
Location TBD
- 4:00 pm**                      **Travel to New York, NY (Depart from Union Station via Amtrak)**

**7:30 pm**                      **Check in at Novotel New York Hotel**  
226 West 52<sup>nd</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10019

***Thursday, August 2***

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**9:00 am**                      **World Economic Forum – Digital Economy and Society**  
Speaker: TBC  
350 Madison Avenue, 11th Floor  
New York, NY 10017, USA

**11:00 am**                      **City of New York – NYCx Initiative**  
Speaker: TBC  
City Hall Park  
New York, NY 10007

**2:00 pm**                      **IEX Group (FinTech startup)**  
4 World Trade Center, 44<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007

**4:00 pm**                      **Zola (Digital company focused on wedding industry)**  
Speaker: Jason Toris, Lead Engineer  
150 Broadway  
New York, NY 10038

**6:00 pm**                      **Dinner Discussion – Investing in Tech**  
Speaker: Richard Sarnoff, Chairman, Media, Entertainment, and Education, KKR  
Location TBD

***Friday, August 3***

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**9:00 am**                      **ConsenSys (blockchain startup)**  
Speaker: Ben Siegel, Impact Policy Manager  
Meeting location TBC

**11:00 am**                      **German Accelerator Tech**  
Speaker: Dirk Kanngiesser, President  
433 Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10013

**1:00 – 5:00 pm**              **Cornell University Tech Campus – Academic Programs, Entrepreneur services,  
Campus tour, CEPI closeout session**  
Speakers: (Invited) Dr. Shiri Azenkot, Dr. Deborah Estrin, Dr. Serge Belongie  
Cornell Tech  
2 West Loop Road  
New York, NY 10044